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SUBJECT: LUANDA SITUATION JULY 16

CINCLANT FOR POLAD

1. SCATTERED INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING NIGHT OF JULY 15-16, CAUSING POSSIBLY TEN MORE DEATHS AND UNKNOWN NUMBERS OF WOUNDED. INCIDENTS MOSTLY IN HUGE CAZENGA DISTRICT, WHENCE ALL WHITES (PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED AT 5 PERCENT OF POPULATION) HAVE FLED. SOME ABANDONED SHOPS REPORTEDLY HAVE BEEN LOOTED AND SET TO TORCH.

2. DURING JULY 16 FURTHER INCIDENTS REPORTED IN CAZENGA (SEPTTEL) WITH POSSIBLY SEVEN ADDITIONAL DEATHS. AS OF NOON JULY 16, RELIABLE MILITARY SOURCE REPORTED TOLL AT THAT POINT WAS 22, SO WE NOW ESTIMATE AROUND 30 CONFIRMED DEAD AND PROBABLY CLOSE TO 200 INJURED IN WEEK'S EVENTS.

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3. SOME WORKERS AGITATION REPORTED AFTERNOON JULY 16 IN INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR ALONG CATETE HIGHWAY, ON EASTERN EDGE OF CITY. NO KNOWN CASUALTIES.

4. WE HEAR NOTHING BUT PRAISE FROM BLACKS FOR DEMONSTRATED CAPABILITY OF BLACK TROOPS (WITH SOME WHITE PARTICIPATION) WHO ARE COMBING MUCEQUES FOR ARMS AND TROUBLEMAKERS. SOME REPORTED EVACUATION OF AFRICAN FAMILIES FROM MUCEQUES (I.E., SENDING WOMEN AND CHILDREN HOME TO BUSH) BUT THIS IS NOWHERE NEAR PANIC SITUATION, WITH MASS OF POPULACE GOING ABOUT BUSINESS AS USUAL DURING DAY AND AFTERNOON.

5. EVENING AND NIGHT OF JULY 16 MULTIRACIAL ARMY (WITH SCANT PSPA INVOLVEMENT) IMPOSED FIRST REAL CURFEW ON CITY, WITH NUMEROUS IDENTITY CHECKS. PSPA CHECKPOINTS DURING DAY HAD SOUGHT TO DISARM MOTORISTS (WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS). SOME SHOOTING REPORTED NEAR MIRAMAR SECTION.

6. MEDIA ANNOUNCED DISPATCH OF INVESTIGATORS FROM LISBON DURING EVENING.
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